

Dr. H. Ray Hatch

# Medical Center Rites

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The new University of Utah Medical Center was dedicated Saturday, opening what was described as a new era in Mountain West medicine.

"As the only college of medicine between Denver and the Pacific Coast and between Canada and Mexico, the university has risen to meet the demands of an entire geographic region," said the dedication speaker.

Rep. John E. Fogarty, D-R.I., in remarks prepared for the afternoon ceremony, said the University of Utah is already in the future, setting an example for the rest of the country.

## OFFICIALS ATTEND

The dedicatory ceremonies in Kingsbury Hall were expected to attract much of Utah's officialdom, including Gov. Calvin L. Rampton.

An open house, for public inspection of the \$15.8 million facility, will be held Sunday between 1 and 5 p.m.

Rep. Fogarty, chairman of a House subcommittee concerned with medical research and health-related matters, praised federal-state partnership in developing medical care.

## COOPERATIVE PRODUCT

He said that the new facility was a product of such cooperation.

The speaker expressed optimism that the three great killers—cancer, heart disease and stroke, "which will claim two-thirds of all Americans now living," can be sharply curtailed.

He mentioned areas in which the University Medical School has made significant contributions in research.

Among these is discovery that



Honored as "physicians of the people": Seated, Dr. Kenneth Castleton, left; Dr. Ray Hatch, standing, Dr. Ralph Richards, Dr. Stanley Child, Dr. Richard Call.

muscular dystrophy includes many diseases, and that PKU (one of the diseases which cause mental retardation in children) is reversible through diet.

Another successful project he recalled, concerns epileptic seizures, under leadership of Dr. Louis Goodman.

Scores of adopted Utahns, recognized as some of the world's most celebrated academicians, scientists and physicians, were on campus for the ceremony.

For them it was—as more than one speaker noted—"an au-

spicious occasion." It also was an event that nurtured nostalgia, and more than one forward-looking eye blinked back memories.

"Sometimes," Rep. Fogarty said, "we can see the outline of history as it unfolds, and today is such an occasion. The past is present, here . . ."

"The future is present here, too, in the blending of the teaching hospital with the colleges of medicine and nursing, and in this medical school's extraordinary participation and leader-

ship in community affairs throughout the state."

## SHARES PODIUM

The congressman was to share the podium with Gov. Rampton, University of Utah President James C. Fletcher, Dr. Philip B. Price, dean emeritus of the College of Medicine, and Dr. Kenneth B. Castleton, dean of the College of Medicine, who presided.

For one of these men, dedication ceremonies held different meaning.

Dr. Price was the medical school dean largely responsible for getting plans for the medical center out of the "thinking and talking stages" onto the drawing board.

## TOUR COUNTRY

He and others toured the country, visiting medical centers in many other states.

Those visits netted for Dr. Price the realization that too few people had planned other centers. This is why he saw to it that "everyone got in on the act" at Utah.

Dr. Price now lives in Virginia. He drove cross-country for the ceremonies surrounding the dedication. He said of that trip:

"I wanted to be here, I think I would have come even if it had been twice as far."

## PROGRAM IMPRESSES

Rep. Fogarty said that he was "particularly impressed" with the College of Medicine's division of post-graduate medical education.

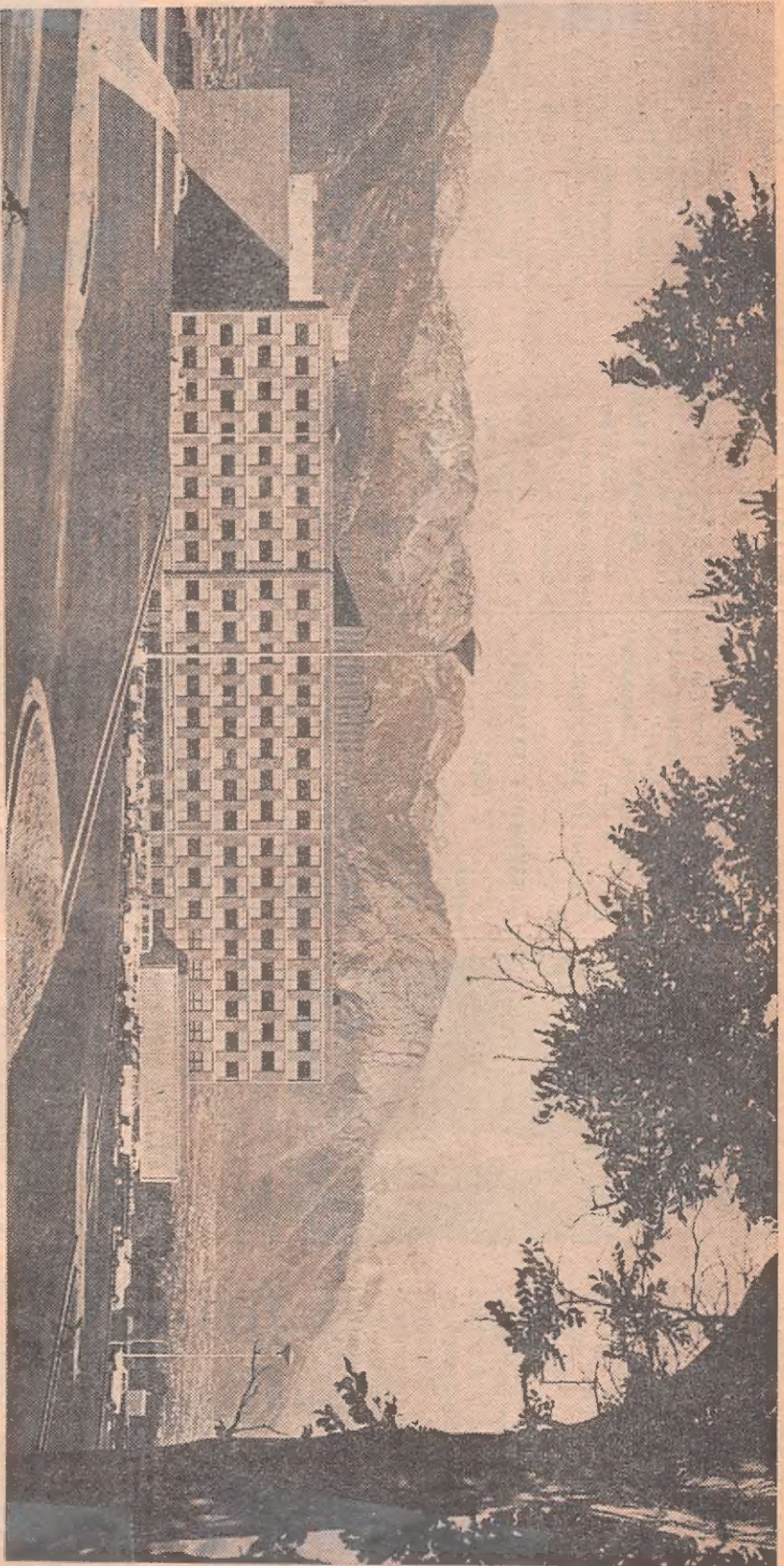
He commended members of the medical school faculty who visit outlying communities to help private practitioners keep abreast of modern medical developments, and praised establishment of the university's TV clinics for the benefit of physicians in hospitals throughout the state.

"This is the very sort of progressive thinking, the sort of imaginative new development that we shall have to have at state and local levels throughout the nation," he said, "if we are to provide more and better health care for our people."

The speaker called attention to the present inadequate number of physicians. He noted that

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and Canada and west of Mississippi River. It will be open to the public Sunday between the hours of 1 and 5 p.m.